Dear vacationing Bill, 10/26/97

Who gave me the day of his departure but not of his return, so this will, with more, await my getting that information.

I've enclosed what the Rankin personal files at home had about that 9/18/64 executive sesssion he labelled a "hearing." It is more than was in the Commission's files when I examined them. Why he withheld all of this I do not know. Also, please note that he delayed it until the Commission no longer existed, until 11/5/64.

Glad to hear your father is doing so well. As I think I told you would happen. If they gave him exercises, encourage him to continue with them when they get to be very easy to do. He should stay with them. and walk.

I think that the book due 11/10/97 should be titled The Dark Side of Seymour Hersh. With all the muckraking that should be done he elects to defame the man who saved the world from incineration? Or will Hersh credit that to Nixon or someone else who had nothing to do with it. I'll sppreciate copies of anything you may see on this. I have the Vanity Fair article and what was in Newsweek.

Betsy's idea may be closest of all to reality.

Quite an operation, that, and what an overanxious sucker Hersh was to go for that stuff without first checking. I guess that is because it was what he wanted to say and he had no questions about what appealed to him. Pulitzer stuff, that!

Interesting article you sent on the success of the local microbrewery. I knew they were successful, but not to this degree. I have had and like their porter and I've tried nothing else that they make.

I also found the article on Bourbon interesting. As you may recall, I knew that the water where Foster came from was supposed to be the best for bourbon and for Bibb lettuce. (Bardstown)

I've finished a manuscript on the Nechiporenko fabrication about Oswald in Mexico, supposedly.

I've started one on Donahue.

I forgot to say at the beginning that Rankin 9/18/64 file is for the Cooper archive, if they'd like it.

Best,

Harold